

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Tony Uhm, on January 21, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claim 12 with the following:

12. A chimeric analog: Dop2-DLys(Dop2)-cyclo[Cys-Tyr-DTrp-Lys-Abu-Cys]-Thr-NH₂, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Replace claim 20 with the following:

20. A method of eliciting a dopamine receptor agonist effect in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering an effective amount of the chimeric analog of claim 12 to a subject in need thereof.

Examiner's Comments

The claims remain allowable for the reasons of record, and have been amended above to further clarify the claims and rectify redundant phrases present in the claims.

Conclusion

Claims 12 and 20 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW D. KOSAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0913. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 08:00 - 16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia J. Tsang can be reached on (571)272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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